



COOK COUNTY HEALTH

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Employee Recognition

Chiquita Hudson, a registered nurse in our medical intensive care unit, was recently recognized for her extraordinary patient care with the DAISY award. The DAISY award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary compassionate and skillful care given by nurses every day. A patient who had an excellent patient experience at Cook County Health nominated Chiquita. The patient felt like family and stated the only pain about the experience was saying goodbye.

Activities and Announcements

- On July 16, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Health (CCH) broke ground on a new \$12 million state-of-the-art health center in Chicago's Belmont-Cragin neighborhood located at 5501 West Fullerton Avenue. The new health center will replace CCH's Logan Square Health Center at 2840 West Fullerton once construction is complete in 2020, tripling the size to a 25,000-square-foot footprint. With 30 exam rooms, the Hanson Park Health Center will expand high quality, integrated health care to thousands of Cook County residents. Expanded pediatric and adult primary care services, women's health, dental care, as well as specialty services like cardiology and endocrinology will be provided. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) food assistance program will also be on-site. By improving access to care and focusing on community wellness, CCH can ultimately improve the health of all Cook Health patients, reduce unnecessary health care costs, and decrease emergency room visits and inpatient stays. CCH officials estimate that the site will accommodate more than 50,000 visits annually.

IMPACT 2020 Objectives 1.2, 2.1

- Several members of the CCH care coordination and psychology teams conducted a study that has been recently published by *Psychiatric Services*. The report, *Improving the Evaluation of Adult Mental Disorders in the Criminal Justice System with Computerized Adaptive Testing*, sought to develop a mental health screening and assessment tool for use in the justice-involved population. The study identified modifications that can be made to a previously-validated tool "to measure the severity of depression, anxiety, mania and/or hypomania, suicidality and substance use disorder in an English- and Spanish- speaking criminal justice population." The study is attached.

IMPACT 2020 Objectives 1.2, 1.6, 7.1

Food As Medicine Update

- Through July 1, **CCH's Fresh Truck partnership** with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) has resulted in 195 visits to 13 CCH health centers – Arlington Heights, Austin, Cicero, the CORE Center, Cottage Grove, Englewood, Logan Square, Near South, Oak Forest, Provident/Sengstacke, Prieto, Robbins, and Woodlawn.

Collectively, the Fresh Truck distributions have resulted in the provision of fresh fruits and vegetables to 25,558 individuals, representing 84,611 household members, totaling more than 525,000 pounds of fresh produce. Most of the individuals benefiting from the Fresh Truck screened positive for food insecurity at a CCH health center visit.

- **CCH Fresh Markets** are offered in the south suburbs. Fresh produce is supplied by Black Oaks Center, a nonprofit that seeks to create a just, holistic, and local food system through education, entrepreneurship, and access to healthy, affordable foods. CCH partners with Experimental Station's Link Up Illinois Link Match program to offer SNAP users with a match on all purchases at CCH Fresh Markets, up to \$20/market/week. CCH Fresh Markets' schedule is listed below:
 - Oak Forest Health Center on Wednesdays, 9am-2pm
 - Robbins Health Center on Thursdays, 11am-3pm
 - Cottage Grove Health Center on Fridays, 9am-2pm
- Three CCH health centers host **Summer Meals** during the months when school is not in session. Children 18 years and younger can get free, healthy meals at the following CCH health centers:
 - Cottage Grove Health Center
Monday-Friday, 12pm-1:15pm
June 10 through August 23 (closed June 7, July 4-5, August 2)
 - Englewood Health Center
Monday-Friday, 11am-12:30pm
June 25 through August 30 (closed July 4)
 - Robbins Health Center
Monday-Friday, 11:30am-12pm
June 24 through August 30 (closed July 4)

Children are not required to be current patients of CCH to access Summer Meals.

IMPACT 2020 Objectives 1.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.4

Legislative Updates

Local

- On June 27, 2019 Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller introduced a resolution calling on Cook County Health leadership to appear before the Board's Health and Hospitals Committee to respond to Commissioner questions related to the Office of the Independent Inspector General (OIIG) report on CountyCare Finances. The committee meeting was held on June 25, 2019.

State

- The Illinois General Assembly is scheduled to return to Springfield October 28-30 and November 12-14 for the Fall Veto Session. The schedule for the 2020 Spring Session has yet to be announced, but will likely start in mid-January 2020 and run through May 31.
- The Governor has not taken action on SB1321, also referred to as the Medicaid Omnibus Bill, which passed the House and Senate unanimously.

SB1321 intends to address challenges with the state's eligibility system and resulting delays in processing Medicaid applications and redeterminations. The bill also seeks to improve the relationship between providers and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) by requiring HFS to establish a claims dispute resolution process, establishing policies and timelines for MCOs to update provider rosters, and ensuring stakeholder engagement in efforts to improve MCO operations and further develop value-based payment models. The bill goes into effect upon becoming law.

SB1321 was sent to the Governor on June 6. He has 60 days to take action; if no action is taken, the bill automatically becomes law on day 61.

- On July 15, 2019, the Governor signed SB1739 into law. SB1739/Public Act 101-0083 went into effect the day it was signed and makes changes to the Certificate of Need (CON) process overseen by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB). As a result, facilities that wish to close must pursue a CON and are no longer allowed to seek an exemption. PA 101-0083 also allows the IHFSRB to defer action on an application to close a facility if there is pending litigation that names the Board as a party or alleges fraud and sets forth requirements for notifying the public and elected officials about proposed closures.
- On July 22, 2019 Governor Pritzker announced 3 new appointees to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Below are the appointee biographies from the Governor's [announcement](#).

Sandra Martell will serve on the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.* Dr. Martell has been the Public Health Administrator for Winnebago County Health Department for the past four years. Her current work in Winnebago County has been focused on addressing the health priorities of Maternal and Child Health, Mental/Behavioral Health, and Violence through a lens of health equity. Dr. Martell has spent the majority of her career focused on public health. She worked for the Cook County Department of Public Health in Illinois for over 25 years progressing from the position of public health nurse to interim Chief Operating Officer. She has served as adjunct faculty at both the Loyola University and the University of Illinois. Dr. Martell has been the recipient of the March of Dimes Perinatal Nurse Recognition Award and the Cook County Distinguished Service Award. She has been acknowledged as an emerging public health leader through a fellowship from the National Association of City and County Health Officials/Robert Wood Johnson and De Beaumont Foundations. Dr.

Martell received her BS in Nursing from the Loyola University of Chicago and her master's and doctoral degrees from the UIC with a concentrated focus on public health.

Linda Rae Murray will serve on the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.* Dr. Murray has spent her career serving the medically underserved and is an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Illinois School of Public Health. She most recently practiced as a voluntary general internist at one of the county's health centers until December 2018. Dr. Murray has worked in a variety of settings including practicing Occupational Medicine at a Workers Clinic in Canada, Residency Director for Occupational Medicine at Meharry Medical College, and Bureau Chief for the Chicago Department of Health under Mayor Harold Washington. She worked as medical director of the federally funded health center serving Cabrini Green Public Housing Project in Chicago. She has been an active member of a wide range of local and national organizations including serving as a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for ATSDR, the Board of Scientific Counselors for NIOSH and the Board of Directors of Trinity Health, a large Catholic Health system. Murray received her MPH, MD and BS from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Debra Savage will serve on the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.* Since 1990, Savage has been a Registered Nurse practicing in hospitals and home health agencies in Illinois and various other states as a staff nurse, charge nurse, nurse manager, nurse director and clinical application specialist. She has served as a nursing professor and Assistant Dean at Chamberlain University since 2013. In addition, she was an adjunct nursing instructor for Governors State University. Savage is elected as a Will County Regional Office of Education Trustee and is a member of the Exchange Club of Northern Will County, the American Organization of Nursing Leadership and the American Nurses Association as well as the past Section Chair for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics & Neonatal Nurses. Savage holds a BS in nursing from Rush University and MS in nursing administration and education from the University of Phoenix.

Federal

- After returning from the July 4 recess, the House plans three weeks of intense work before leaving town on July 26 for the August recess. The Senate plans to work a week longer, leaving on August 2. Large issues remain unresolved including agreement on a budget deal and the increasingly urgent need to lift the debt ceiling. And the conventional wisdom that serious legislating gets more difficult as we near the 2020 elections adds pressure to lawmakers to get things done before going home to face voters in August.

Medicaid DSH Cuts

- On July 11, the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health marked up 26 bills, including a "health care extenders" package, H.R. 2328, which would extend expiring programs or funding. Representative Joe Kennedy (D-Mass.) offered an amendment which would repeal the reductions to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments imposed by the ACA for FY 2020 and FY 2021 and reduce the FY 2022 cut to \$4 billion. It is worth noting that the cuts for FY 2020 and FY 2021 would not simply be delayed, or pushed into the out years, but rather repealed or "bought out," though an offset that has not yet been specified.

In addition to delaying the DSH cuts, the amendment included provisions designed to satisfy the objections raised by Republican members against H.R. 3022, the full repeal bill offered by Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.) at the June subcommittee hearing. The first provision would require CMS to begin making states' Upper Payment Limit (UPL) hospital demonstrations data public, beginning with state FY 2022.

The second provision would require the Comptroller General of the U.S. to report to Congress, within 21 months of enactment, on potential legislation to establish an equitable formula for determining DSH allotments for States. The report must consider the states' (1) level of hospital uncompensated care costs; (2) expenditures for

hospitals, including UPL supplemental payments, and other related payments; and (3) policy decisions that may affect the level of uncompensated care costs (*e.g.* ACA Medicaid expansion). The committee's Republican leaders spoke in favor of the amendment and it, and the underlying bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

On July 17, the full Energy and Commerce Committee marked up 26 bipartisan bills, including H.R. 2328. Committee leadership proposed an amendment in the nature of a substitute which included provisions to address surprise billing and the Medicaid shortfall in the territories. At the end of the markup, the committee reported the amended H.R. 2328 out favorably to the full House by voice vote, indicating broad bipartisan consensus. It is not yet clear whether the extenders package will get floor time before the August recess.

Senate staff have indicated that the upper chamber is waiting for the House to act. Cook County's Senate delegation supports a DSH cut delay and Democratic leadership have said that it is a priority. The shape of the policy will likely depend on what approach Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) decides to do in negotiation with Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). Grassley has said on the record that he supports a delay but wants to see legislative reforms to the statutory formula used to determine state DSH allotments. It remains to be seen if the Government Accounting Office (GAO) report in the House measure will satisfy Grassley on that score. In addition to timing, questions on a legislative vehicle and offsets remain outstanding.

Budget and Appropriations

- Talks between the Administration and congressional leaders in search of an agreement to lift the statutory budget caps under the Budget Control Act of 2011 resumed after the July 4 recess and in the week of July 15 leaders of both parties sounded hopeful that an agreement on the spending caps and debt limit could be reached. If negotiations fail, automatic ten percent across the board cuts, called sequestration, would be imposed next year.
- The House passed a second five bill "minibus" on June 25 so that by the July 4 recess only two regular appropriations bills remained awaiting floor consideration – the controversial Department of Homeland Security bill and the Legislative Branch bill, sidelined over a proposed congressional pay raise.
- Meanwhile, Senate appropriators have still not introduced any of their annual spending bills, waiting for a budget deal to begin marking up bills. This means that at least a short-term continuing resolution (CR) is likely before the end of the fiscal year September 30, to allow the committee to mark up bills and take them to the floor.

Health Care Costs

- On June 26, the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee marked up S.1895, the Lower Health Care Costs Act of 2019. The bill contains provisions designed to address surprise billing, reduce prescription drug prices, promote transparency, improve public health and improve the exchange of health information. The committee reported the bill out favorably to the full Senate, on a 20-3 vote, with Senators Elizabeth Warren, Rand Paul and Bernie Sanders voting no. Senate leaders tried to send the bill to the floor under unanimous consent but a number of Republican senators have placed anonymous holds on the bill, according to press reports. Chairman Alexander is reported to be working with his colleagues to clear the holds.
- The Senate Finance Committee has not yet rolled out a health care cost reduction package for programs in its jurisdiction, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Protection of Medicaid remains a key priority for CCHHS at both the State and Federal level.

Community Outreach

- August 1 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **7th Annual Youth Summit** which is sponsored by the **Cook County Juvenile Probation Department** at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center located at 1100 South Hamilton in Chicago. At the Summit, Juvenile Probation Officers teach probation clients about a variety of resources to facilitate their successful transition to the community.
- August 1 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Bloom Township Senior Picnic** which will take place at Veteran's Memorial Park located at 19101 South Halsted Avenue in Glenwood.
- August 1 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs' Veteran's Stand-Up Health & Resource Fair** which will take place at the Kroc Center located at 1200 West 119th Street in Chicago. The event will provide Veterans with free health screenings, free haircuts, free housing information, free financial resources, and employment opportunities.
- August 3 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at **State Senator Mattie Hunter's 16th Annual Health, Fun & Fitness Fair** which takes place at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Crown Hall located at 33rd Street and State Street in Chicago. The event offers a variety of different health screenings, fitness activities, and fun for the entire family.
- August 3 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at **HopeFest 2019**, which is hosted by the **New Life Covenant Church**, and will take place at the church grounds located at 3400 W. Division Street in Chicago. HopeFest is a free annual back-to-school festival for the local community reaching more than 5,000 children every year. It helps equip children with the necessary tools to take the first step toward their goals. Families receive free medical exams, immunizations, dental check-ups, groceries, haircuts, backpacks filled with school supplies and much more.
- August 3 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **22nd District Police & Morgan Park Clergy Back to School Health & Safety Fair** which takes place at the Morgan Park High School located at 1744 W. Pryor Street in Chicago. This fair is for community residents and provides children with necessary physicals, health screenings and immunizations prior to the start of school.
- August 3 **4th Ward Alderman Sophia King** hosts the **28th Annual Fourth Ward Health & Housing Fair** at Dyett High School located right across from Provident Hospital at 501 S. 51st Street in Chicago. As more than 500 community residents attend, we will promote Cook County Health and County Care at the event. The Provident Hospital HIV Testing team will also participate by providing testing to attendees.
- August 3 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Annual St. Mark MB Church Health Fair**, which will take place at the church located at 14618 Lincoln Avenue in Harvey.
- August 3 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Saint George & Saint Matthias Episcopal Church Health Fair and Back to School Event**, which will take place at the church located at the corner of 111th Street and Indiana in Chicago.
- August 4 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Chicago Heights Public Library's 2019 Annual Back-To-School Outreach Fair** which will take place at the library located at 25 West 15th Street in Chicago Heights.

August 8	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at Senator Iris Y. Martinez and State Representative Jaime Andrade's 2019 Back to School and Family Wellness Fair which takes place at the Avondale/Logandale School located at 3312 West George Street in Chicago.
August 9	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center's 5th Annual Englewood Community Health Fair , which will take place at the West Englewood Library located at 1745 West 63rd Street in Chicago. Staff from the Englewood Health Center will participate to promote clinic services.
August 10	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the AKA Expo & Community Resource Fair , which is hosted by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the Matteson Community Center located at 20642 South Matteson Drive in Matteson.
August 10	Cook County Health's Provident Hospital is one of the main sponsors and supporters of the 90th Annual Bud Billiken Parade , which is the second largest parade in the United States. Cook County Health physicians and nurses provide first aid support along the parade route. In addition, staff will be inside Washington Park in a separate tent to promote Cook County Health and CountyCare.
August 10	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the Cicero's Back to School Fair , which is hosted by Cicero District 99 and Cicero Town President Larry Dominick and will take place at the Unity Junior High School located at 2115 South 54th Avenue in Cicero
August 10	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the Third Baptist Neighborhood Back-to-School and Health Extravaganza , which will take place at the church located at 1551 West 95 th Street in Chicago.
August 13	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Property After Death Signature Event & Resource Fair which will take place at Worth Township located at 11601 South Pulaski Road in Alsip.
August 14	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the Greater Southwest Chicago Community Resource Fair , which is hosted by the City of Chicago Department of Family & Support Services at Leo Catholic High School located at 7901 South Sangamon Street in Chicago.
August 15	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the New Faith Baptist Church International's Seniors Summit , which takes place at the church located at 25 South Central Avenue in Matteson.
August 16	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at Corazon Community Services' Back to School Bash which takes place at Warren Park located at 16th Street & 57th Avenue in Cicero.
August 16	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at State Senator Omar Aquino's 22nd Annual All Kids & Family Health Fair which takes place at North Grand High School located at 4338 West Wabansia Avenue in Chicago. The Northwest Side Health Advisory Committee co-sponsors this event.
August 17	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the 2019 Congressman Danny K. Davis' Back to School Fair Picnic, Parade & World Health Day which takes place at Columbus Park located at 500 South Central Avenue in Chicago.
August 17	Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the St. Peter & Paul Church's Health & Resource Fair which takes place at the church located at 12433 South Halsted Street in Chicago.

- August 17 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Crossroads Church of Hillside Health Fair** which takes place at the church located at 5152 Butterfield Road in Hillside.
- August 24 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Ford Heights Community Service Organization's 7th Annual Health & Wellness Fair**, which takes place at the center located at 943 East Lincoln Highway in Ford Heights.
- August 24 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at **Rahab Grand Court Community Health Fair** which will take place at the Charles Carroll School located at 2929 West 83rd Street in Chicago.
- August 24 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at **Riverdales's Back to School Bash** which is sponsored by Mayor Lawnrencen L. Jackson, Village Clerk Karen Holcomb and the Village Board of Trustees and will take place at the Village Hall located at 157 West 144th Street in Riverdale.
- August 24 Cook County Health and CountyCare promotion at the **Favors/Walker Family Life Foundation's 15th Year Community Health Fair** which will take place at the Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ located at 7745 South State Street in Chicago.

In partnership with the **Chicago Police Department CAPS program**, Cook County Health and CountyCare will participate in various **National Night Out** events on August 6. National Night Out events serve as a safe haven for families to congregate and the goal of the event is to build stronger safer communities. Cook County Health and CountyCare will have a presence at the following locations:

- **6th Police District** – Hamilton Park, 513 W. 72nd St., Chicago
- **10th Police District** – 10th District Headquarters, 3315 West Ogden Avenue, Chicago
- **11th Police District** – Kells Park, 3201 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago
- **12th Police District** – United Center, 1901 W. Madison, Chicago
- **22nd Police District** – 22nd District Police Station, 1825 W. Monterey Avenue, Chicago
- **Maywood Police Department** – Maywood's Veteran's Memorial Park, 1st Avenue and Oak Street, Maywood
- **Ford Heights National Night Out** – August 7th - Ford Heights Park District, 13th & Lexington, Ford Heights

Catholic Charities is hosting a series of health fairs where they invited all MCOS and other health care organizations to participate. Cook County Health and CountyCare will have an information table at these health fairs throughout the summer.

- August 10 – **St. Gall Parish** – 500 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL 60629
- August 17 – **St. Frances of Rome School** – 1401 S Austin Ave., Cicero, IL 60804
- August 21 – **Sisters of St. Casimir** – 2601 W. Marquette, Chicago, IL 60629 (Employment and Veteran's Resource Fair)

In partnership with area community churches, **Sinai Health Ministries** is hosting a series of community health fairs where they invite community organizations, healthcare organizations and health plans to participate and provide information to attendees. Cook County Health and CountyCare will have an informational table at these health fairs.

- August 3 – **New Progressive St. James M.B.C** – Back to School Health and Resource Fair - 909 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612
- August 10 – **Amazing Grace Outreach Ministries** - Health and Resource Fair - 915 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 6065
- August 11 – **Carey Tercentenary AME Church** - Annual Health and Resource Fair - 1448 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623
- August 16 – **Union League Boys & Girls Club** - 2157 West 19th Street, Chicago, IL 60608

- August 17 – **Greater Bethlehem Healing Temple** - Annual Health and Resource-Back to School - 12 South Oakley Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60612
- August 18 – **Amazing Grace Outreach Ministries** - Health and Resource Fair - 3849 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 6032
- August 22 – **SGA Youth & Family Services** - 420 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60628
- August 24 - **Resurrected Life Church International** - Community Impact Health and Resource Fair - 4538 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, IL 60639
- August 24 - **Central Church of God** - Back to School Health and Resource Fair - 3011 West Flournoy Street, Chicago, IL 60612
- August 31 - **Philadelphia Church of God in Christ** - Annual Health and Resource Fair – 1622 West 61st Street, Chicago, IL 60636
- August 31 - **New Upper Room Baptist Church** - Health and Resource Fair - 2709 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608

The **Greater Chicago Food Depository Fresh Food Truck** visits for the month of August include the following ACHN Health Centers.

- August 1 – **Austin Health Center** - 4800 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651
- August 6 – **Cicero Health Center** – 5912 West Cermak Road, Cicero, IL 60804
- August 13 – **Cottage Grove Health Center** - 1645 Cottage Grove Avenue, Ford Heights, IL 60411
- August 15 – **Englewood Health Center** - 1135 West 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60621
- August 15 – **Near South Health Center** – 3525 South Michigan, Chicago, IL 60653
- August 20 – **Robbins Health Center** - 13450 South Kedzie Avenue, Robbins, IL 60472